SUBJECT No. 158.

Batta to non-official members of the District Board.

Messrs. Lingegowda and Amble Annaiya Pandit, Mysore District Board.

Summary of discussion.— The rates of travelling allowances payable to non-official members of the District Boards for attending the meetings may kindly be fixed as at present. The Comptroller requires that a certificate of actual expenses incurred *bona fide* by such members should be recorded. This may be dispensed with.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration in connection with the rules relating to travelling allowances which are now being framed.

SUBJECT No. 159.

Protection of village communal rights by legislation.

Mr. D. Venkataramaiya, Bangalore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Legislation may be undertaken to protect the village communal rights in matters like the following :—

(1) Drinking water wells, (2) *Gokattes*, (3) Burial and cremation grounds, (4) Village cart-tracks or *vonees*, (5) Village pasture lands, (6) Village temples and mosques, (7) Village school buildings, (8) *Topes*, *mantaps* and baths, (9) *Chavadis*, etc. Moneys from the cesses and other sources may be allotted for the up-keep of these institutions to be administered by the villagers. The Village Tank Panchayet Bill which is now under consideration may be designated the Village Communal Bill and power given therein to *panchayets* to control and regulate also the matters mentioned above.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 160.

Improvement of village sanitation.

(a) Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

(b) Mr. V. Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The sanitation of villages is frequently much neglected. A committee may be appointed to devise means for the improvement of village sanitation.

(b) Information as to whether a healthy source of water-supply exists in every village in the State may be collected, and provision annually made in the District Fund and State Budgets for providing such sources wherever needed.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 161.

Roads and communications.

Mr. J. A. Harris, South Mysore Planters' Association.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Roads and communications are very essential to the welfare of the producer. But no hope is held out by the Imperial Government of the Arsikere-Mangalore line finding a place in their programme for many years to come. It is understood that they are prepared to give sympathetic consideration to any private company which may come forward with proposals to finance the line and it is hoped that if any such proposals are placed before Government they will give them every encouragement.

(*b*) The project of connecting the chief places in the Kadur and Hassan Districts with the Southern Mahratta Lines by means of Light Railways has long been pending